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BROA: Amend law to remove restaurant smoking zones

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File photo of A rickshaw-puller smokes a cigarette on a Dhaka street on June 11, Thursday, 2020 **Md Manik/Dhaka Tribune**

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It is necessary to amend the current Tobacco Control Law in order to ensure the removal of designated smoking zones from restaurants and realize Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's public declaration to make Bangladesh a tobacco free country by 2040, the Bangladesh Restaurant Owners Association (BROA) has said.

On Monday, a team of Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission met with BROA Secretary General M Rezaul Karim Sarker Robin and highlighted the need to amend the law, according to a press release.

"It is very important to ensure removal of designated smoking areas in restaurants. Designated smoking areas have to be banned regardless of the number of rooms in the restaurants," the BROA secretary general said in the release.

"The Government should take necessary steps to amend the law for removing the existing loophole in the TC law which is obstructing the implementation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's public declaration to make Bangladesh a tobacco free country by 2040," he added.

Media Manager of Tobacco Control Project of Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Muhammed Rubayet and Senior Program Officer Sharmeen Rahman were present during the meeting.

Proposals regarding the amendment of the Tobacco Control Law handed over to the BROA secretary general include the banning of smoking zones to ensure public places (restaurants) are completely smoke free, banning of tobacco product displays at points of sale, banning of import, marketing and sales of e-cigarette and other emerging tobacco products, banning the sale of single

sticks of bidi-cigarettes or loose cigarettes and banning the sales of Jorda-Gul, banning of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSRs) activities of tobacco companies, increasing the size of the pictorial health warnings from 50% to 90% and introducing plain packaging for all forms of tobacco products.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/health/2020/11/16/broa-amend-law-to-remove-restaurant-smoking-zones>

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Tobacco law amendment needed to remove loopholes



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A Health Sector team of Dhaka Ahsania Mission met with Bangladesh Restaurant Owners Association's (BROA) Secretary-General M. Rezaul Karim Sarker Robin on November 16 (Monday) morning at the central office of the BROA.

During the meeting an elaborative discussion was held regarding the loopholes in the current Tobacco Control Law and highlighted the urgency of the law amendment.

The discussion was led by Assistant Director of Health Sector of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Mukhlesur Rahman. During discussion BROA Secretary-General said for removal of Designated Smoking Area, the Tobacco Control law amendment is very much urgent.

BROA Secretary-General said, "It is very important to ensure removal of the designated smoking area in the restaurants. He added that the designated smoking area has to be banned regardless of the number of rooms in the restaurants. He said that the Government should take necessary steps to amend the law for removing the existing loophole in the TC law which is obstructing the implementation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's public declaration to make Bangladesh a tobacco-free country by 2040."

Media Manager of Tobacco Control Project of Health Sector of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Muhammed Rubayet and Senior Program Officer Sharmeen Rahman were also present during the meeting. Information and proposals regarding amendment of Tobacco Control Law was handed over to the BROA Secretary-General at the time of the meeting.

The proposals were: 1) Banning of the smoking zone to ensure that the public places (restaurants) are completely smoke-free 2) Banning of tobacco product display at the point of sale 3) Banning of import, marketing and sales of e-cigarette and like other emerging tobacco products 4) Ban single stick of bidi-cigarette or loose cigarettes and ban sales of Jorda-Gul 5) Ban of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSRs) activities of Tobacco Companies 6) Increase the size of the pictorial health warnings from 50% to 90% and demand for introducing plain packaging of all forms of tobacco products.

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DAM team meets BROA Secretary General

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Recently, a team of Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) met with Bangladesh Restaurant Owners Association (BROA) Secretary General M. Rezaul Karim Sarker Robin at the central office of the BROA. During the meeting an elaborative discussion was held regarding the loopholes in the current Tobacco Control Law and highlighted the urgency of law amendment. The discussion was led by Assistant Director of Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Md. Mukhlesur Rahman. As per the discussion the BROA Secretary General said that for removal the DSA Tobacco Control law amendment is very much urgent.

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